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August 12, 2002

VIA TELECOPIER AND VIA OVERNIGHT COURIER

Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549-0609 Attn: Mr. Jonathan G. Katz Secretary OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Re: File No. 4-460

Sworn Statement Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities

Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

On behalf of Kenneth I. Chenault and Gary L. Crittenden, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, respectively, of American Express Company, and pursuant to the instructions set forth in the above-captioned order, enclosed is an executed original of each of Mr. Chenault's and Mr. Crittenden's respective Statement Under Oath Regarding Facts and Circumstances Relating to Exchange Act Filings (together, the "Statements").

Please acknowledge receipt of Mr. Chenault's and Mr. Crittenden's Statements filing by date stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed pre-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (telephone - (212) 640-1444; fax - (212) 640-0360; e-mail - harold.e.schwartz@aexp.com).

Very truly yours,

Harold E. Schwartz

Group Counsel

Enclosures

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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Kenneth I. Chenault, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of American Express Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
 - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
 - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
 - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, of American Express Company;
 - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of American Express Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Name: Kenneth I. Chenault

Date: August 12, 2002

before me this 12th day of August, 2002.

Subscribed and sworn to

HAROLD ESCHWARTZ
Notary Public, State of New York

Notary Public My Commission

No. 31-4987990
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires /0/28/2005

My Commission Expires: 16/28/05

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